

The Stations of the Cross



* Kneel - ing in the gar - den grass, Je - sus groans a -
1. While the court and priests con - spire How to slant the
2. When the mas - sive cross of wood Bends and bruis - es
3. Je - sus falls be - neath the weight Of the cross he's



gainst his death, Let this cup of sor - row pass,
ev - i - dence Je - sus calm - ly bears their ire
Je - sus' frame Hear him seek e - ter - nal good
forced to bear Yet its load of sin and hate



While he prays in that same breath:
As his prayer grows more in - tense:
As he prays in Heav - en's name:
Do not crush his hope and prayer:



Not my will but yours be done.

** This stanza begins the devotions. Stanzas 1-14 accompany each station.*

- 1. Jesus is condemned to death**
- 2. Jesus carries his Cross**
- 3. Jesus falls the first time**
- 4. Jesus meets his afflicted mother**
Jesus reads in Mary's eyes
all the sorrow mothers bear,
and he prays his friend supplies
grace to strengthen her own prayer:
Not my will but your be done.
- 5. Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus to carry his Cross**
We with Simon of Cyrene
help the Savior bear the cross.
Step by step we slowly glean
what true faith and prayer will cost:
Not my will but yours be done.
- 6. Veronica wipes the face of Jesus**
Seek the courage and the grace
the Veronica displays
when she wipes the bleeding face
of the one who bravely prays:
Not my will but yours be done.
- 7. Jesus falls the second time**
Jesus trips and falls again
as he struggles through the street
where the mob's unceasing din
mocks the prayer his lips repeat:
Not my will but yours be done.
- 8. Jesus meets the of Jerusalem**
Christ directs the women's tears
toward the coming judgment day
when God weighs our faithless years
with our willingness to pray:
Not my will but yours be done.
- 9. Jesus falls a third time**
Jesus stumbles one last time
nearly broken by the load
yet by prayer finds strength to climb
Calvary's final stretch of road:
Not my will but yours be done.
- 10. Jesus is stripped of his clothes**
Naked to sun and clouds
and the jeers and gawking stare
of the soldiers and the crowds
Christ continues with his prayer:
Not my will but yours be done.
- 11. Jesus is nailed to the Cross**
While the soldiers throw their dice
they ignore their victim's groans,
lost to them the sacrifice
and the prayer that Jesus moans:
Not my will but yours be done.
- 12. Jesus dies on the Cross**
Jesus gives one loud last cry
at the moment of his death
while his prayer moves heaven's sky
with his final, parting breath:
Not my will but yours be done.
- 13. The body of Jesus is taken down from the Cross**
As they take the body down
and they wrap it in a sheet
in their hearts they hear the sound
that his lips no more repeat:
Not my will but yours be done.
- 14. Jesus is laid in the tomb**
Quiet is the hollowed cave.
Peace and tears and grief descend.
Mourners offer at the grave
what they learned from Christ their friend:
Not my will but yours be done.